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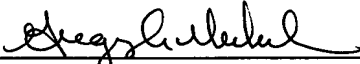
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I, Gregory A. Merkel, being duly sworn, depose and state the following:

1. I am a joint inventor for U.S. Patent Application 10/607,249.
2. I am also an inventor of the subject matter in U. S. Patent No. 6,864,198.
3. The subject matter disclosed in U. S. Patent No. 6,864,198, and relied on by the Examiner to make out a 102(e) rejection, was invented by me.

WHEREFORE, I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, and any patent to which this declaration is directed.



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